

REMARKS

The interview with the examiner Edmond Lee on 10 January 2006 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's summary of the interview is correct.

Claims 1-27 are rejected as anticipated by Franck et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,326,520) and/or obvious over Franck et al. In each of the independent claims the step of thermoforming has been clarified by adding to heat and form after "thermoforming." Franck et al. does not teach or suggest a heating step after dispensing the decoration media as recited in the present claims. In Franck et al. there is only residual heat.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that all of the claims (Nos. 1-27) are in condition for allowance and entry of the present amendment and allowance of the application is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (5723-72304).

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